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## Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Name of Organization: Alaska Works Partnership, Inc.
Name of Project: PY 7-205; Designated Grant – Trade Occupations, Registered Apprenticeship, and other training programs
Reporting Period: July 1 to September 30, 2008
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Expenditures to date: \$591,723.
Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.
Signed by: <u>Mike Andrews</u> Dated <u>October 15, 2008</u> <u>Mike Andrews</u>

**1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project:**

This is a designated grant to fund statewide training covering twenty-five construction and maintenance trade occupations through registered apprenticeship and training programs.

**2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:**

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

**Rural Apprenticeship Outreach (AO)**

During this reporting period, Alaska Works Partnership staff hosted booths at Anchorage, Alaska Military Youth Academy and Fairbanks Career Fairs. Information on careers in construction and assistance available to rural applicants were provided at the Career Fairs.

New flyers were developed for the Operating Engineers, Electrical Workers, Ironworkers, Laborers, Southern Plumbers & Pipefitters and Teamster Construction Drivers JATCs for distribution to community centers and Job Centers statewide via fax and email, and for posting on our website. In addition, the AWP website was updated to add the new program openings.

Letters were mailed out to contacts, which provided apprenticeship information and application dates/deadlines for Operating Engineers, Southern Plumbers & Pipefitters and Teamster Construction Drivers.

Summary of Contact with clients during this reporting period:

- Client Contacts: Seventy-two (72) new clients.
- Clients Served: (one or more services): Seventy-five (75) clients received one or more services such as referral to apply for apprenticeship, assistance with interview and travel and/or were referred to additional training.

Follow up with Clients included:

- Sixty-eight (68) clients completed application for one or more apprenticeship program; Southern Plumbers & Pipefitters, Operating Engineers Mechanic and Service Oiler, Teamster Construction Drivers and Electrical Workers. Additional clients applied to Operating Engineers Operators apprenticeship, but are not reported at this time due to the large number of applications the apprenticeship program is processing.
- Twelve (12) clients participated in an Interview Skills workshop prior to their interview with Southern Plumbers & Pipefitters and Electrical Workers.
- Twelve (12) clients were provided with travel assistance for one or more trips to apply or interview for apprenticeship.
- Twenty-six (26) clients interviewed with one or more apprenticeship programs; Southern Plumbers & Pipefitters and Electrical Workers.
- Two (2) clients were selected for apprenticeship into Electrical Workers. So far in the next Quarter, four (4) clients have been selected into apprenticeship with Southern Plumbers & Pipefitters.

#### Rural Job Training

AWP, in conjunction with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation engaged in scheduling and providing logistics for home energy efficiency and weatherization training in five regions; Northern, Interior, Western, Southwest, and Southeast Alaska, to help Regional Housing Authorities and Weatherization firms performing work in rural Alaska ramp up training to meet the challenge of performing several thousand home energy ratings in rural Alaska. Regional Housing Authorities who do employ and will employ new workers involved in home weatherization dispatched crews to training events during the quarter. Ninety-two persons were trained, including 16 BMR apprentices requiring upgrade skills to work weatherization homes. A chart of training events, locations, number of trainees and timeframe is attached to this report.

### 3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

#### Apprenticeship Outreach (AO)

- Follow up with applicants to Ironworkers and Electrical Workers JATCs who interviewed previously will be done as new apprentices may be selected during the next quarter.
- Northern Plumbers & Pipefitters, Southern and Southeastern Carpenters and Electrical Workers application periods/deadlines will occur during the next Quarter.

- Operating Engineer Mechanic and Service Oiler, Teamster Construction Drivers and Electrical Workers interviews and possibly the selection of new apprentices are planned for the coming Quarter.
- Career Fairs and outreach events in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Haines, Skagway and rural communities will be attended.

#### BMR Apprenticeship & Rural Job Training

Continue to follow-up with apprentices and employers to place apprentices in jobs

Develop a rural training schedule for the winter 09 training season and assign instructors

Coordinate AHFC Weatherization Training with the Denali Commission Training Director and rural employers

Funds for this project will expire in November. AWP will close out the contract, compile all records and outcome data, and write the final report.

#### 4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

##### **Apprenticeship Outreach (AO) , BMR Apprenticeship, Rural Job Training**

AO does not provide skills training, but rather, provides assistance to clients applying and interviewing for apprenticeship programs, which includes; interview skills training; referrals to driver's education and adult basic education courses; and job training that leads to work experience that increases their chances of getting into apprenticeship programs such as Pipeline Training, Welders Helper training, and Construction Academies.

Sixteen BMR apprentices and 76 employees of Rural housing developer for a total of 92 trained.

#### b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

##### **Apprenticeship Outreach (AO), BMR Apprenticeship, Rural Job Training**

The grant extension started March 2008 and ran through September 2008. During that time, Apprenticeship Outreach has provided one or more services for One hundred forty-two (142) clients. Of those served, Thirty (30) have been registered with the USDOL as trade apprentices where they receive training from their apprenticeship sponsors and are employed in on-the-job training. Thirty-nine (39) BMR apprentices have received training. An additional 136 have received rural job training.

5. Please complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

**Apprenticeship Outreach (AO)**

**See Attached Spreadsheets**

***TOTAL NUMBER OF APPRENTICESHIP OUTREACH CLIENTS SERVED TO DATE:***  
*(from start date of project)*

New Clients	Applied to Apprenticeship	Interview Skills	Travel Assistance	Interviewed	Apprentices Selected
216	112	47	58	80	30

**Rural Job Training Chart for Quarterly DTF Report**  
**Summary of activity for period: July 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Certification Course & Training Start Date	Communities' serve	# of Participants	Employers
Wx Building Analyst – Energy Rater June 30.	Bethel, and Western and Southwestern Communiites	11	AVCP RHA, Rural Cap
Wx Building Analyst - Energy Rater July 16	Bethel & Western and Southwestern Alaska communities	16	AVCP RHA, Rural Cap
Wx Building Analyst – energy rater July 28	Barrow and North Slope Communities	11	North Slope Borough
Wx Building Analyst – energy rater July 28	King Salmon and Bristol Bay communities	13	Bristol Bay RHA, North Pacific Rim RHA
Wx Building Analyst - Energy Rater July 28	Juneau & Southeast Alaska communities	12	Central Council Tlinget-Haida RHA, Ketchikan Housing,
Wx Envelope Specialist August 11	Juneau & Southeast AK communities	13	CCTH RHA , Ketchikan Housing
Wx Building Analyst-Energy Rater, August 25	Fairbanks and Interior Alaska communities	16	Interior Regional Housing Authority, Rural Cap, Tanana Chiefs Council
7 Training Events	5 regions	92	Multiple
<b>Communities where BMR Apprentices that attended training live:</b> Bethel, Kotlik, Kokhanok, Eek, Dillingham, Barrow, Mekoryuk, Naknek, Wainwright, Nanwalek, Port Graham, Tatitlek, Twin Hills, Aleknagik, Aleknagik, Alakanuk, Marshall, Hooper Bay, Aniak, St. Marys			